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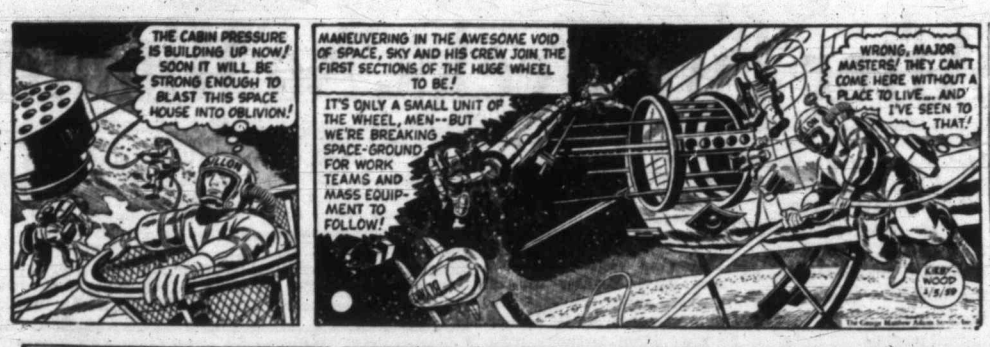

JUDGE PARKER

BLONDIE

BEN BOLT

LIL ABNER

REX MORGAN

ARCHIE

JULIE JONES

POGO

RIP KIRBY

Garden Notes

It's Catalogue Time

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

The highlight of the day around our house is the arrival of the postman, for every member of our family has some special and urgent interest in the mail.

Brian has sent off 25 cents and six box tops for a rocket ship which squirts real smoke—to get the boxtops, we have had to eat one certain brand of cereal until the stuff is coming out our ears.

Susan is on tenterhooks awaiting an autographed picture of her current hero, Pat Boone. David, the stamp collector of the family, is conducting some delicate negotiations by mail for a set of rare British Colonials.

Consequently, the moment any of them walks in the front door, the first words spoken are: "Hi, Mom. Anything in the mail?"

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The answer, these days, is usually a weary and resigned: "No, nothing—except some more seed catalogues for your Dad!"

With the annual spate of catalogues in full flood, it might be interesting to check off a few likely-looking newcomers which have been developed by the plant breeders since last year.

In the past, Verbena hasn't been a particularly satisfying annual flower for garden use because of its floppy, straggly habit. A couple of years ago, a new type was developed, a Verbena called Sparkle, bearing brilliant scarlet flowers with a white eye, and making compact, bushy plants standing only around nine inches high, ideal for edgings and narrow beds.

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This year, Sparkle has several sisters in new colors, including Crystal, a pure white; Delight, coral pink suffused with salmon; Dazzle, solid scarlet without the eye, and with much bigger florets than heretofore, and Splendor, royal purple with a clear white eye. Seeds of this compact Sparkle type are also available in a mixture.

From Hungary comes a new Hollyhock which, according to my spies, is a real dilly. Started reasonably early, this one blooms the first year from seed, flowering in August with fully double florets and making a branching plant rather than one long spike.

Colors are Hungaria, deep pink; Szeged, yellow; Debrecen, pure white; Budapest, maroon, and Delibab, salmon. These and others are available also in a mixture, sold under the name of Hollyhock Indian Spring.

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Brome, to me, has always meant some kind of meadow grass which was made into hay and fed to dairy cattle. However, with the keen interest today in flower arranging, our womenfolk have discovered the ornamental value of the seed heads, either green or dried, and the plant breeders have obligingly produced a couple of strains especially selected for their interesting structure and form in flower arrangements.

Bromus macrostachys has a seed head something like overgrown oats, while Bromus madritensis looks more like a giant barley plant. Flower arrangers in northern Europe have gone a little wacky over these ornamental grasses, and the grain is being packaged just like flower seeds for sale over here.

And at a very pretty price, too, considering that the stuff is really only cattle feed!

The Viewing World

By John Crosby

Father of the Situations

Dupont last week on CBS gave us a very warm and beguiling production of "What Every Woman Knows" which proved that Sir James M. Barrie could still give lessons in playwriting to every playwright now alive. This soft message about the omniscience and prescience of womankind, which may have done more damage to our thinking than anything since "Das Kapital," is deceptively imbedded in a play structure as hard as granite.

From the very first scene which ends with a famous curtain line ("But I thought she was twenty-seven") to its final moment of revelation and truth, "What Every Woman Knows" moves with the inevitability of doom toward its predestined end.

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So persuasive was Sir James' guile as a playwright that I think I may say—without fear of successful corroboration — that "What Every Woman Knows" laid the philosophic groundwork for every last one of the radio and TV domestic situation comedies from "Ozzie and Harriet" to "Life of Riley" and we have been committed ever since to the proposition that all men are idiots and all wives are the all-knowing fountains of wisdom.

One thing that may have been quite a lot different from what Barrie intended was Siobham McKenna as Maggie Wylie, the Scotch lass who demurely manipulated her husband into prominence in politics. Miss McKenna was a far more tough-minded and downright athletic Maggie than any I've seen. I thought she was just great.

Actually, I feel a little apologetic to the Dupont Company for some earlier churlish remarks about playing it safe on this series. There's nothing at all wrong with playing it safe, if they do it this well.

Next year, I hope the Dupont people may venture into something just a wee bit bolder. But if they don't, if they elect to make it a sort of stock company, that will be all right too, provided they keep it alive. It's still an event.

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The next Dupont, incidentally, will be another tried and true play named "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare. It'll be performed by the Old Vic Company on Feb. 24 on CBS.

As near as I can remember, "Hamlet" has only been done once before on television. That was a Hallmark production with Maurice Evans as Hamlet almost six years ago.

Hollywood Today

By Sheilah Graham

DeMille Epics Dusted Off

HOLLYWOOD (NANA) — In tribute to the late **Cecil B. DeMille** and also for good business reasons, Paramount is re-releasing C. B.'s Biblical spectacle "Samson and Delilah," starring **Victor Mature** and **Hedy Lamarr**. And, after this one is in the theatres, you will have another chance to visit DeMille's "Greatest Show on Earth," starring **Jimmy Stewart, Betty Hutton** and **Charlton Heston.**

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Ernie Borgnine accepted the prime minister of Pakistan's invitation to hunt elephants in Pakistan when he finishes his "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll" in Australia. Ernie seems in no hurry to rush back here to **Katy Jurado.**

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Marlon Brando's set is closed tighterthanthis. His "One-Eyed Jacks" is somewhat overdue, what with Marlon functioning as star and director. And he finds visitors distracting.

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Jean Simmons and **Stewart Granger's** mamas have gone back to London after two glorious months on the Grangers' cattle ranch in Arizona. England is going to seem a bit small.

Princess Grace Kelly has been made an honorary citizen of the town of Cap d'Ail, a few miles east of Monaco on the Riviera. Cap d'Ail is **Sir Winston Churchill's** favorite Riviera spot where he usually stays at **Lord Beaverbrook's** villa.

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Carolyn Jones is an honest girl. When I asked her if she had to choose between husband and career, which would it be, she answered: "I don't think I'll ever have to make that choice—but, if I did, I don't think I'd choose my career. However, I'd think about it very carefully."

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Joanne Dru still hasn't got over the shock of being awakened from a deep sleep and told by a "friend"—"Did you know your son has been stabbed?" The 16-year-old **Dick Haymes Jr.** is okay now; the stab apparently wasn't very serious.

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Lana Turner looks softer and more beautiful than I've ever seen her in Universal-International's plush movie, "Imitation of Life." After its 10-handkerchief preview here, Lana, with daughter **Cheryl,** left for Pittsburgh to speak at the Allied State drive-in convention.

Winning Contract

Vul: N–S

NORTH
♠ J 4
♡ A K 5
◇ 8 6 4 3
♣ K J 9 5

WEST
♠ K Q 10 9 2
♡ J 8 4 2
◇ K J 5
♣ 4

EAST
♠ 8 7 6 5 3
♡ 10 9 7 3
◇ 10 9
♣ 3 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A
♡ Q 6
◇ A Q 7 2
♣ A Q 10 8 7 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♠	3 ♣	Pass
3 ◇	Pass	3 ♡	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	All Pass		

Opening lead: ♠ K

There is some question whether East might not have taken the nonvulnerable save in spades against the six-club contract, as his hand appears absolutely worthless defensively. However, it looked like a big loss in any case, and not enough to be gained to throw away the chance that West might be able to win two tricks. In fact, declarer had to be most alert to fulfil his contract.

The spade ace won the first trick, and two rounds of trumps were played. The heart queen was followed by the ace and king, on which South discarded a low diamond. The spade jack was led and another low diamond discarded; West winning with the spade queen. Spades and hearts had now been eliminated from both the North and South hands, leaving West the choice of leading into South's diamond tenace, or giving declarer a ruff and sluff by playing an off suit.

Had South attempted the diamond finesse, he would have been set. Also, ruffing the spade jack and then attempting to duck a diamond lead into the West hand would have failed; East simply playing the ten-spot. The actual successful line of play is known as throwing a loser on a loser, coupled with an end-play.

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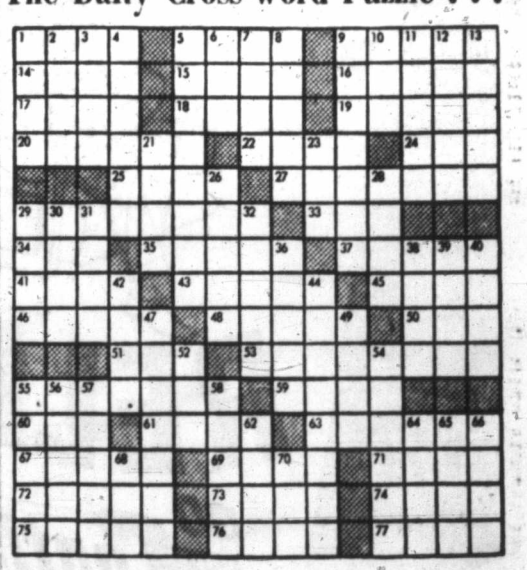
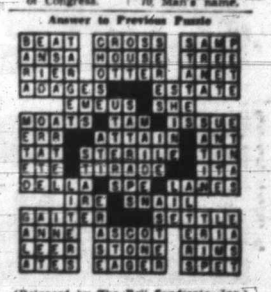
The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle . . .



ACROSS
1. Drug.
5. British baby carriage.
9. Deitwald.
14. Man's nickname.
15. Annoy.
16. Equine animal.
17. Flesh.
18. Of the dawn.
19. Size of type.
20. A customer.
22. To oxidize
24. Japanese coin.
25. Large dog.
27. Bird dogs.
29. Apprehends through the senses.
33. Golf mound.
34. Gold in Spanish American countries.
35. Destinies.
37. Animal.
41. Prevaricated.
43. Goes at an easy gait.
45. Isles off Ireland.
46. Takes out.
48. Jury list.
50. Insect's egg.
51. Mineral spring.
53. Depressed by solitude.
58. Members of the Millenial Church.
59. Frog genus.
60. Resident of a convent.
61. Syracuse pro basketball team.
63. Of higher stature.
67. Sign of the zodiac.
69. Hodgepodge.
71. City of Paraguay.
72. Armed group with legal authority.
73. Young salmon.
74. Spoken.
75. Scoff.
76. Mineral springs.
77. Not any.

DOWN
1. Moist.
2. Genus of olives.
3. Kind of fuel.
4. Added edition of a newspaper (pl.).
5. Before birth.
6. Spanish for river.
7. Winged.
8. Bill of fare (pl.).
9. Item of personal property.
10. Pig.
11. Ruff out.
12. Flower.
13. Adolescent years.
21. Man's name.
23. Place.
26. Colonist's greeting to Indian.
28. A tissue.
29. Disposed of for price.
30. Great Lake.
31. Christmas carol.
32. Part of flower.
36. Spanish title.
38. River of Italy.
39. Cripple.
40. Poker stake.
42. Writing table.
44. Member of upper house of Congress.
47. English poet, wrote Fairie Queen.
49. River of Asia.
52. Marsw.
54. Fish.
55. Cockles.
56. American Indian.
57. Aromatic herb.
58. Halts.
62. Strike with open hand.
64. Dodecanese island.
65. Ardor.
66. Part in play.
68. Compass point.
70. Man's name.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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